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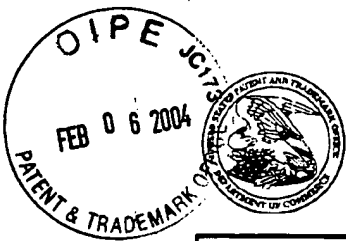
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**AUTOMATICALLY REPLYING  
TO INSTANT MESSAGING (IM) MESSAGES**

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

          The present disclosure relates generally to digital communications and, more  
particularly, to instant messaging (IM).

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